

From: [R6HarveyEJ](#)
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Subject: FW: Harvey Response: Referring Wilma Subra's Concerns/Requests to LDEQ
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:34:51 AM

From: Runnels, Charlotte
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 2:34:49 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Denise Bennett; Blanco, Arturo; R6HarveyEJ
Cc: Gregory Langley; Bijan Sharafkhani
Subject: RE: Harvey Response: Referring Wilma Subra's Concerns/Requests to LDEQ

Denise,
Thanks so much for the responses. We will provide them to our Harvey EJ Network in Louisiana. – Charlotte

From: Denise Bennett [mailto:Denise.Bennett@LA.GOV]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Runnels, Charlotte <Runnels.Charlotte@epa.gov>
Cc: Gregory Langley <Gregory.Langley@LA.GOV>; Bijan Sharafkhani <Bijan.Sharafkhani@LA.GOV>
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- (1) No citizens or public officials, in the Hurricane Harvey impacted area, expressed concerns and made notification to LDEQ Regional Office (ARO) nor LDEQ's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) reporting system. All incidents/concerns/complaints that are received are investigated timely upon receipt; and the associated paperwork generated as part of the incident investigation is routed to LDEQ's Electronic Data Management System (EDMS) upon completion. No concerns were raised at the daily GOSHEP call-ins by any of the Hurricane Harvey impacted Parish representatives; nor did Calcasieu Parish Emergency Contact submit a concern via WebEOC.
- (2) Current reports to LDEQ do not demonstrate that the Sabine Diversion Canal discharges into any drinking water sources. However, please contact the Louisiana Department of Health for more comprehensive details on drinking water concerns.

LDEQ is committed to the protection of human health and the environment through permitting, surveillance, and enforcement. While LDEQ provides communications tools that are a reliable and consistent way of being connected with the community, LDEQ also has an open door policy. LDEQ has well established tools and processes that promote and encourage citizen participation and these tools provide for a more efficient and effective responsive.

In addition to utilizing the SPOC ([Single Point of Contact Procedures](#)) tool, the public is further encouraged to utilize LDEQ's public participation process for formally commenting on permit applications. This is an additional tool available for citizens and public officials to have their voices heard. All communications resulting from use of SPOC and the public participation process are memorialized in LDEQ's EDMS, which may be accessed online.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate call.

From: Runnels, Charlotte [<mailto:Runnels.Charlotte@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Denise Bennett
Subject: RE: Harvey Response: Referring Wilma Subra's Concerns/Requests to LDEQ

Hello Denise,

Checking to see if you have any updates for me. – Charlotte

From: Runnels, Charlotte
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 11:33 AM
To: 'Denise Bennett' <Denise.Bennett@LA.GOV>; R6HarveyEJ <R6HarveyEJ@epa.gov>
Subject: Harvey Response: Referring Wilma Subra's Concerns/Requests to LDEQ

Hello Denise,

R6 has setup an EJ Network – Hurricane Harvey Response in which weekly calls with key EJ contacts in areas that were impacted by the storm. This allows EPA to hear directly from those impacted and to report out on EPA's response efforts. Wilma mentioned Cameron, Vermillion and Iberia Coastal Parishes as areas mostly affected by Harvey. In addition, she noted the lack of response and support from agencies regarding communities negatively impacted in Louisiana areas. In addition to setting up the EJ Network, we setup a dedicated EJ Email Box to track concerns as well.

The following concerns/requests were received from Wilma Subra (LEAN) on 9-5-17:

Concerns

- Sabine Diversion Canal – noted the need for agencies to look at the quality of water. Who is monitoring the water that is being pumped into the Canal and then distributed to drinking water sources?
- Cameron/Vermilion Parishes – there is a real problem with sediment sludge and a need to sample for contaminant sources. People are walking and possibly ingesting harmful contaminants.
- Vietnamese Fisher Community in Iberia Parish were severely impacted by Harvey. What agencies are looking into their concerns?
- Vinton Parish was really impacted by flooding. What agencies are looking into their concerns?
- Concerned that LDEQ doesn't have data reported from facilities on their EDMS

database.

- Concerned about venting and flaring from facilities in Calcasieu Parishes. A list of facilities in Calcasieu Parish that were venting and flaring is listed below:
- Citgo refinery
- Firestone polymers
- Phillips 66refinery
- PPG -eagle US 2
- Westlake polymers
- Westlake petrochemicals
- Westlake styrene

She would like to obtain a copy of those releases.

- Assessment and contamination reports from Louisiana regulatory agencies regarding western areas of Louisiana affected by flooding

I will give you a call to discuss. – Charlotte